

FACTS FOR STILLWATER VOTERS

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization established to promote political responsibility through informed and active citizenship. The League is political, but strictly nonpartisan. We defend voting rights, sponsor candidate debates and public issue forums, inform citizens, take action, lobby and testify. Membership in the League is open to all of voting age. Learn more at <http://www.lwvstillwater.org>.

It is the purpose of this booklet to present facts relative to the democratic process of voting in primary and general elections.

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For information: **Payne County Election Board** web site:
<http://www.paynecounty.org/>

WHO MAY REGISTER? You must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of Oklahoma. When registering, you may list a particular party (Democratic or Republican) or none (Independent). This choice affects your eligibility to vote in state and national primary elections.

WHERE DO I REGISTER? Register when you apply for a driver's license or contact the Payne County Election Commission and ask them to send you a voter registration form. Forms are also available at the Post office, DHS office, public library, other government offices and on line (e.g., www.lwvok.org). Fill out the form carefully and completely and mail to the Oklahoma Election Board or the **Payne County Election Board, County Administration Bldg., 315 W. 6th, Stillwater.**

WHEN DO I REGISTER? Voter Registration forms must be received or postmarked at least 24 days before an election in order for you to be eligible to vote in that election.

WHERE DO I VOTE? Your Voter Registration Card lists the precinct in which you vote and the precinct location. Precinct locations are listed in this flyer. The local newspaper lists voting locations just before an election, or call: **Payne County Election Board, 747-8350**, or visit **www.vote411.org**.

FOR WHOM CAN I VOTE? In primary elections, or run-off primary elections, you can vote only for the candidates of the party under which you are registered. You may vote in the general election for candidates of any party. In Stillwater, school board members and city officials are nominated and elected on nonpartisan ballots and you may vote in these elections regardless of your party affiliation.

HOW DO I CHANGE MY REGISTRATION? If you move from one precinct to another, or change your name or your address, you may change your registration at the County Election Board or by filling in and mailing an Oklahoma Registration Application form, available from a Designated Agency, or on line, or by asking the Precinct Inspector for one at the time you vote. The County Election Board will mail a new voter card to you. You may change your party affiliation in the same way except from June 1 to August 31 of even-numbered years.

HOW DO I CAST MY BALLOT? Polling places are open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Voters are required to bring an ID to vote. These include:

- Voter ID issued by the election board (has no photo);
- Photo ID with date from the state of Oklahoma (no expiration for those over 65);
- Oklahoma driver's license with photo and expiration date;
- U.S. Passport, with photo and expiration date;
- Military ID or an ID from any federally recognized tribal government.

Sign in with a precinct official. (If your name is not on the official list, do not panic. You will be given a provisional ballot or directed to another polling place.) Mark, with the special pen provided the box by your choice on the ballot. Take your time and make sure you have voted on everything you wish to vote on. Be sure to color in the square box completely. Sometimes names or questions are on the back of the ballot. Feed your ballot into the computer device that counts the votes.

HOW DO I VOTE ABSENTEE? Anyone may vote absentee without stating a reason. You may vote an absentee ballot in person from 8 AM to 1 PM on Saturday or 9 AM to 5 PM on the Friday or Monday preceding a federal or statewide election or the Friday and Monday preceding a special, school, or city election at the County Election Board office. (Application forms are available from the County Election Board or on line at the Payne County Election Board web site to vote absentee by mail. You may also write to the County Election Board to obtain this form by giving them the following information: your name, date of birth, address at which you are registered, the election or elections for which you are requesting ballots, the address to which the ballots should be mailed and your signature. The voter may designate which elections or all elections during each calendar year for which absentee ballots are needed. After the ballot is marked the envelope must be signed before a notary public. Mailed ballots must be received by 7 PM on Election Day.)

NATIONAL OFFICERS

U.S. PRESIDENT (4-year term)

Dear Mr. President:

Very respectfully yours,

President Barack Obama (D) (1/2013)

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20500

White House Operator: 1-202-456-1111

Hearing Impaired Comment Line: 1-202-456-6213

FAX: 1-202-456-2461

comments@whitehouse.gov

OKLAHOMA U.S. SENATORS (6 year terms)

Dear Senator (name):

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable Tom Coburn (R) (1/2017)

172 Russell Senate Office Bldg

Washington, DC 20510

1-202-224-5754

FAX: 1-202-224-6008

Website: <http://coburn.senate.gov/public>

100 N. Broadway,

Suite 1820, OKC

OK 73102

1-405-231-4941

1800 S. Baltimore, Suite 800

Tulsa, OK 74119

1-918-581-7651

The Honorable James Inhofe (R) (1/2015)

453 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Suite 350

Washington, DC 20510

1-202-224-4721

FAX: 1-202-228-0380

Website: <http://inhofe.senate.gov/public>

1900 NW Expressway

Suite 1210

OKC, OK 73118

1-405-608-4381

1924 S. Utica, Ste 530

Tulsa, OK 74104

1-918-748-5111

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT (two year term)

Dear (name) Sincerely yours,

District 3

The Honorable Frank Lucas (R) (1/2013)

2342 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

1-202-225-5565 FAX: 1-202-225-8698

Website: <http://www.house.gov/lucas>

2222 W. 12th, Stillwater, OK 74074

1-405-624-6407

STATE GOVERNMENT

GOVERNOR (4 year term)

Dear Governor (name) Sincerely yours,

The Honorable Mary Fallin (R) 1/2015
State Capitol Building, Room 212
2300 N. Lincoln
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
1-405-521-4317 FAX: 1-405-521-4285
Website: <http://www.governor.state.ok.us/>

STATE SENATORS (4 year term) Oklahoma State Senate 1-405-524-0126

District 10

The Honorable Eddie Fields (R) 1/2015
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 514B
Oklahoma City, OK 73105 1-405-521-5581
Exec. Assist: Becky Welch
e-mail: efields@oksenate.gov

District 21

The Honorable Jim Halligan (R) 1/2013
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., State Capitol, Room 520
Oklahoma City, OK 73105 1-405-521-5572
Exec. Assist: Deborah Curry
e-mail: halligan@oksenate.gov
6321 W. Coventry Dr., Stillwater, OK 74074
1-405-624-0886

STATE REPRESENTATIVES (2 year terms)

Oklahoma House of Representatives 1-405-521-2711

District 33

The Honorable Lee Denney (R) 1/2013

2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., State Capitol, Room 436

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

1-405-557-7304

Legis.Asst.: Jayne Harrington

e-mail: leedenney@okhouse.gov

834 E. 6th, Cushing, OK 74023

1-918-225-1552

District 34

The Honorable Cory T. Williams (D) 1/2013

2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., State Capitol, Room 316

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

1-405-557-7411

e-mail: cory.williams@okhouse.gov

123 W. 7th, Suite 203, Stillwater, OK 74074

1-405-533-1767

District 35

The Honorable Dennis Casey (R) 1/2013

2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., State Capitol, Room 300B

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

1-405-557-7344

e-mail: dennis.casey@okhouse.gov

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Three County Commissioners administer Payne County. District voters elect them for terms of four years. The Commissioners meet in Suite 203 at the County Office Bldg., 315 W. 6th, at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays and the last working day of each month. Agendas are posted on the East side of the Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner's Offices, 315 W. 6th St.
phone: 405-747-8338 web: <http://www.paynecounty.org>

Dist. 1: Cushing

Term ends 1/2015

Dist. 2: Stillwater
Gloria Hesser Term ends 1/2013
W: 1-405-747-8339 H: 1-405-624-0337
e-mail: ghesser@paynecounty.org

Dist. 3: Perkins
Jim Arthur Term ends 1/2015
W: 1-405-372-7758 H: 1-405-372-7088
e-mail: paynecounty_3@yahoo.com

<http://www.paynecounty.org>

OTHER ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

	Phone	Term ends
Assessor: James Cowan e-mail: jccowan@paynecounty.org	747-8300	1/2015
Clerk: Linda Hatfield e-mail: LHatfield@paynecounty.org	747-8310	1/2012
Sheriff: R.B.Hauf Email: RBHauf@paynecounty.org	372-4522	1/2013
Treasurer: Bonita Stadler e-mail: bstadler@paynecountytreasurer.org	624-9431/-9411	7/2012

Court Clerk: Lisa Lambert e-mail: lisa.lambert@oscn.net	372-4774	1/2013
Dist. Attorney: Tom Lee Asst. DA: Debra Vincent	372-4883	1/2015
Dist.Judge: Phillip Corley	372-4380	1/2015
Assoc. Dist. Judge: Stephen R. Kistler	372-3999	1/2015
Spec. Dist. Judge: Payne Cty. Katherine Thomas	372-4380	Appointed
Spec. Dist. Judge: Logan Cty. R.L.Hert, Jr.		Appointed
Spec. Dist. Judge: Michael Stano	747-8383	Appointed

CITY GOVERNMENT

Stillwater has a Council-Manager form of government with a Mayor and 4 Councilors. These 5 members serve 3-year staggered terms. The City Manager is employed by the Council and is responsible for the operation of all departments.

Meetings of the Council and City Manager are held every first, third and fourth Monday evening of the month at 5:30 pm. Generally, they meet in the Council Room at **City Hall, 723 S. Lewis. Phone: 405-372-0025**. The public is invited. The meetings on the first and third Mondays are televised.

All meeting agendas are available at City Hall, the City Library, and at **www.Stillwater.org**.

Stillwater City Council

Mayor: **Nathan Bates** Term ends April 2012
Phone: 372-0025 P.O.Box 1449, zip 74076
e-mail: mayor@stillwater.org

Seat 1 **Joe Weaver** Term ends April 2013
Home phone: 780-0633
e-mail: councilorweaver@stillwater.org

Seat 2 **John Bartley** Term ends April 2013
Home phone: 780-7196
e-mail: councilorbartley@stillwater.org

Seat 3 **Chuck Hopkins, Vice Mayor** Term ends April 2014
Home phone: 372-4397
e-mail: chashoppy@hotmail.com
e-mail: councilorhopkins@stillwater.org

Seat 4 **Cody Scott** Term ends April 2014
Cell: 762-0014
e-mail: councilorscott@stillwater.org

STILLWATER BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education is made up of five members, elected at large, who serve staggered terms of five years each. One member is elected each year. The members serve with no pay and are nominated and elected on nonpartisan ballots.

The Board of Education meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Board of Education Room, 314 S. Lewis.

Phone 405-533-6300.

The public is invited. Meetings are broadcast on local cable television on the school channel.

Board Members

	<u>Home#</u>	<u>Term ends</u>
Ward 1: Mike Dicks, Vice President e-mail: michael.dicks@okstate.edu	372-2655	April 2016
Ward 2: Kevin Clark, President e-mail: Kevin@kdclark.com	780-0185	April 2012
Ward 3: Debra Vincent e-mail: Debbie@bobbrownattorney.com	377-0113	April 2013
Ward 4: Eric Gudgel e-mail: ericgudgel@sbcglobal.net	372-7411	April 2014
Ward 5: John Price e-mail: jprice74074@yahoo.com	377-6116	April 2015

www.meridian-technology.com

MERIDIAN TECHNOLOGY CENTER

1312 S. Sangre Rd.

Phone: 405-377-3333

The Meridian Technology Center district covers various areas of Lincoln, Logan, Noble, Pawnee and Payne counties. Board members serve terms of five years. They are elected on a nonpartisan ballot during school board elections. Parts of zones 1, 3 and 5 include areas of Stillwater.

The regularly scheduled meetings are generally held at 6:30 PM on the first Monday of the month in the Daytime Instruction Conference Room (A101). They are open to the public.

MERIDIAN TECHNOLOGY BOARD MEMBERS

Serving Stillwater Area

			Term ends
District 1	Joe Williams	372-7360	2013
District 3	Gary Johnson	372-6760	2011
District 5	Jerry Franklin	372-0358	2013

STILLWATER PRECINCT LOCATIONS

Precinct	Address	Site
001	807 S. Lowry	Roxie Weber Plaza
002	1402 E.6th	New Beginnings Alliance
003	1015 E. 12 th	Senior Citizen Center
004	2020 W. Airport	Stillwater Regional Airport
005	5201 N. Washington	Lakeside Golf Course
006	419 Richmond Rd.	Sunnybrook Christian Church
007	524 S. Duncan	First Presbyterian Church
008	1510 W. 7 th	Perky Building/Career Tech
009	2124 S. Western Rd.	Countryside Baptist Church
010	902 N. Washington	Hillcrest Baptist Church
011	400 South Monroe	OSU Foundation
012	810 W. Hall of Fame	Wes Watkins Center
013	524 N. Stallard	Highland Park Methodist Church
014	902 N. Washington	Hillcrest Baptist Church
015	205 E. McElroy	Elks Lodge
016	1312 S. Sangre Rd.	Meridian Technol. Center

RURAL PRECINCT LOCATIONS

Precinct	Address	Site
401	1917 N. Country Club Rd. Stillwater	LifeChurch.tv
402	3512 S. Boomer Rd. Stillwater	Forman Harley Davidson
403	1624 W. Lakeview Rd. Stillwater	Lakeview Church
404	4518 Expo Dr. Stillwater	Payne County Expo Center
405	8808 S. Sangre Rd. Perkins	Elm Grove School
406	114 N. Oklahoma Glencoe	Glencoe Community Center
407	619 S. Fairgrounds Rd. Stillwater	Spring Valley Church
408	4518 Expo Dr. Stillwater	Payne County Expo Center
409	113 S. Morton, Ripley Ripley	Ripley Community Center

Cushing Precincts

101	100 Judy Adams Blvd.	Cushing City Hall
102	302 S. Linwood	Cushing Christian Church
103	1442 E. Oak	Oak St. Baptist Church
104	707 N. Norfolk Rd.	Cushing/Drumright Elks Lodge

Yale Precincts

201	826 E. Detroit Ave.	Yale Church of Christ
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Perkins Precincts

301	730 N. Main St.	Vassar Community Center
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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE LEAGUE IN STILLWATER?

Membership dues are currently \$25.00 for first year members, new to the League, \$50 for regular membership, \$25.00 for the second member in the same household, and full-time students receive a \$12.50 credit. Membership year is July 1st to June 30th. Checks may be written to **Stillwater League of Women Voters**, c/o Alice Richardson, Treasurer, League of Women Voters, 1023 S. Western Street, Stillwater, OK 74074.

Dues support a congressional lobbyist, and help support the LWVUS national offices. When the LWVUS has a position on a legislative issue an electronic Alert! will be sent to you. In addition there is a monthly e-League Newsletter. Dues also support LWV of OK for the quarterly *OKLAHOMA VOTER*, help support the state office, and support Stillwater LWV to help pay for local programs including candidate forums.

Interested? For information, please call Helen Jordan at 372-6420 or contact us via e-mail: voterservice@lwwstillwater.org. To join, use the membership blank below.

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone or E-Mail _____

Stillwater and Payne County Election Dates for 2012

ELECTION TYPE	DATE
No Elections Allowed	January, 2012
Annual School Elections Special Elections	February 14, 2012
Presidential Preferential Primary Special Elections	March 6, 2012
Annual School Runoff Elections Regular Municipal General Elections Special Elections	April 3, 2012
No Elections Allowed	May, 2012
Primary Elections Special Elections	June 26, 2012
No Elections Allowed	July, 2012
Runoff Primary Election Special Elections	August 28, 2012
No Elections Allowed	September, 2012
No Elections Allowed	October, 2012
General Election Special Elections	November 6, 2012
No Elections Allowed	December, 2012